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Intercollegiate Skiing Halts Its Downhill Slide

NCAA combines men's and women's championships to make sure enough teams will be competing

By JOHN A. CROWL

MIDDLEBURY, VT.

Thanks to some timely maneuvering by several coaches, about 250 skiers from 21 colleges and universities are in Bozeman, Mont., this week to compete in the first combined men's and women's National Collegiate Athletic Association skiing championship.

Until a few months ago, the 29-year-old men's N.C.A.A. skiing championship appeared to be in danger of being abolished after 1984 for lack of widespread interest in intercollegiate skiing. And it seemed unlikely that enough institutions would field women's ski teams to warrant a separate championship.

Skiing has fallen victim to the financial pressure on colleges—and to its own geographical limitations. Only a few institutions in the Northeast and the Rocky Mountain area have longstanding traditions in skiing, adequate snow, and easy access to ski facilities. And increased costs for equipment, insurance, recruiting, and travel have forced even some of those institutions to reconsider sponsoring ski teams.

As a result, while the N.C.A.A.'s overall membership has been growing rapidly (the total is now 789), the number of institutions sponsoring ski teams had dwindled to 47 by this year, only 6 per cent of the total. N.C.A.A. rules require that at least 7 per cent of its members sponsor teams in a sport for the association to hold an official championship.

That decline came about despite some recent efforts to shore up the number of college ski teams. While two events—the downhill race and ski jumping—were dropped largely for safety reasons, finances played at least a part in the decisions.

The replacement of ski jumping with a cross-country relay race following the 1980 season, for example, was part of an effort to prevent serious injuries. But some coaches say the change was instituted partly to encourage small colleges without expensive ski-jumping facilities to keep or start ski teams.

Only 33 Women's Teams

Women's ski teams were even worse off than the men's. In past years they had competed in championships sponsored by the now defunct Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. The 33 women's teams weren't nearly enough to qualify for a separate N.C.A.A. women's championship.

So Chip LaCasse, ski coach at the University of Vermont, and other members of the N.C.A.A.'s men's skiing committee, hit upon the idea of combined teams and a combined championship. They persuaded the N.C.A.A.'s governing council to accept the idea, and in January they sold the concept to the entire membership.

Only one other sport—rifle—has a combined men's and women's N.C.A.A. championship.

The skiing committee was enlarged to include women, and the 1983 championship already scheduled for the Bridger Snow Bowl in Bozeman was expanded.

The new format, said Mr. LaCasse, whose teams dominate intercollegiate skiing in the East, "will assure the future of N.C.A.A. championships." Here's how it works:

▶ Each team—men's and women's—counts separately toward the total number required for the N.C.A.A. to sponsor a championship. The association lists 47 men's teams, 33 women's teams, and 3 coeducational teams in its total of 83 eligible teams, well over the 56 now required.

▶ Competition is held in eight events, four for men and four for women: the slalom (a downhill race that follows a zigzag course), the giant slalom (a similar race with fewer zigs and zags), a cross-country race (15 kilometers for men and 7.5 kilometers for women), and a cross-country relay race (with three skiers per team).

▶ Skiers qualify individually on the basis of regional races throughout the winter. Of the qualifiers, an institution may enter as many as four in each event, of whom the top three finishers count in the scoring.

▶ Altogether, however, an institution may use only eight men and eight women.

▶ The winner of the four-day championship will be the institution with the best combined score in men's and women's competition.

Power Balance Unchanged

Combining men's and women's championships has other appeals for colleges and the N.C.A.A., as well. It's likely to be less expensive than running two separate events. And, according to several coaches, it seems to have sparked some new interest in competitive college skiing.

Most observers say the inclusion of women in the championships is not likely to alter drastically the balance of competitive power in intercollegiate skiing.

The so-called "big four" in men's skiing in recent years have been the Universities of Colorado, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming. All are expected to do well in the combined championships.

The University of Colorado, for example, was favored to win this year's championship until its team was struck by a rash of injuries. Its men's team won last year's N.C.A.A. championship and its women's team won the A.I.A.W. title. Now many observers pick Utah, which won this year's Western intercollegiate meet.

But Vermont, which has won the Eastern intercollegiate championship for the past seven years and was runnerup to Colorado in last year's N.C.A.A. event, has an exceptionally strong team. In the Eastern championships two weeks ago, Vermont's team swept all the events, both men's and women's.

Teams from the West have won all but three men's national championships since 1954, when the N.C.A.A. first began sponsoring such events.

PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE CHRONICLE BY JERRY LE BLOND

U. of Vermont skier Mark Smith won the slalom and was third in the giant slalom at the Eastern championships.

3 Students Program Middlebury's Computer to Score Ski Races

MIDDLEBURY, VT.

Three students at Middlebury College here have made their mark in intercollegiate skiing—and none of them is a ski racer.

The students are familiar with the sport, but they're even more knowledgeable about computers. They've written programs so that individual and team scoring for the races at the Middlebury Winter Carnival could be calculated by the college's computer.

This year, the races also constituted the Eastern Intercollegiate Skiing Championships.

Two years ago, Chris Kelly, then a Middlebury student, wrote a program to score the downhill races. This year, two juniors, Tom Knox and Todd Hermanson (who also quarterbacks Middlebury's football team), developed their own system to handle scoring of the cross-country races.

Computer terminals at the racing sites were connected with the college's computer center by telephone lines. The name and number of each of the racers were entered into the computer in advance.

In the case of downhill races, each racer's number and time were keyed into the terminal within seconds after the racer crossed the finish line. Within minutes after the first run of each two-run race was completed, the results and the starting order for the second run down the hill (which is determined by the finish in the first run) were being printed out.

In cross-country races, another wrinkle was added. The time of day of the start was entered, plus the time of day (to the hundredth of a second) of each racer's finish. The computer then calculated the elapsed time and ranked the skiers in the order of their finishing.

"We used to have most of the college's math department out here trying to calculate the results quickly," said Max Petersen, Middlebury's sports-information director.

Team standings were compiled by a separate program. "This is the first year we've tried to compute scores in Nordic (cross-country) events and compile team standings, and we were afraid there would be a goof," said Mr. Hermanson. "But things have gone so smoothly that next year we'll tie the programs together and get overall standings at the same time we get everything else." —J.A.C.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TO: WRMC

FROM: Ron Nief

1983 WINTER CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2:00 - 5:00 P. M.	Registration	Proctor Lounge
5:00 P. M.	Coaches' Meeting	Proctor Lounge
4:00 P. M.	Northern Lights	Outside McCullough
5:00 - 7:00 P. M.	Candlelight Dinner +	All Dining Halls (except Chateau)
8:00 P. M.	Klondike Rush *	Field House

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 A. M.	Women's Slalom	Snow Bowl
	Men's Giant Slalom	Snow Bowl
1:00 P. M.	Women's 7.5K Cross Country	Bread Loaf
2:30 P. M.	Men's 15K Cross Country	Bread Loaf
4:00 - 5:30 P. M.	Winter Warm Up (Combo #1-330)*	Proctor Lounge
7:30 P. M.	Ice Show *	Field House
8:00 P. M. & 11:00 P. M.	Night Club *	Lower Proctor
7:30 P. M. & 10:30 P. M.	Night Club *	Upper Proctor
7:00, 9:00, & 11	Movie: "Heaven Can Wait"	Dana Auditorium

SATRUDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 A. M.	Men's Slalom	Snow Bowl
	Women's ~~Giant~~ Slalom	Snow Bowl
1:00 P. M.	Women's Cross Country Relay	Bread Loaf
2:00 P. M.	Men's Cross Country Relay	Bread Loaf
2:00 P. M.	Ice Show Matinee * #	Field House
4:00 - 5:30 P. M.	Winter Warm Up (Combo #331-660)*	Proctor Lounge
6:00 P. M.	Skiers' Banquet	Upper Proctor
7:30 P. M.	Ice Show *	Field House
9:30 - 1:30 A. M.	Carnival Ball	Field House

* - Included in Combi Ticket
\+ - $5.00 without Meal contract
\# - Tentative; call 388-3711, ext. 2338 for more information

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The women's 7.5 km A results are in and indicate just what we expected, a strong UVM showing. The Catamounts topped the field with 111 points, Middlebury just behind with 106, St Lawrence in Third with 86 points and #4 is a tie between UNH and Williams both with 81 points apiece. Dartmouth was fifth and Bates 6th

The top ten racers are as follows

1. Wendy Reeves of Middlebury at 21:36.6
2. Joanne Musolf of UVM at 21:38.2
3. Jovuna Grantendricks of UVM
4. Beth Heiden of UVM
5. Betsy Haines of UVM
6. Kristen Gatz of UVM
7. Julie Wolay of UNH
8. Judy Carlman of Midd
9. Leslie Wright of Midd
10. Ellen Chandler from Williams

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The Mens 15km race is underway at this point under cloudy skies with a heavy snow coming down.

We're still awaiting results of the Men's and women's alpine events being held at Pico today. For wcvx, this is Hugh Montgomery w/ Josh Weil covering the Middlebury winter carnival events.

All fifty women have started the 7 1/2 kilometer race up here at Middlebury College's Breadloaf Campus as part of the Middlebury Winter Carnival. The story of these events this weekend is quite fantastic. As everyone knows there hasn't been a great abundance of snow lately. Dave Larsen John Rubright both of the College have spent 48 straight hours shovelling snow onto the course here at Breadloaf. And the results seem to be pretty good. The conditions are FAST with granular snow and a relatively warm temperature of 28°.

As in the past the University of Vermont is the team to beat with a strong women's squad with three of the top four racers, Joanne Mosely, Betty Heiden and Jorunn Granheimkson.

Josh Weil talked with Mary Ogden of Middlebury who finished the race moments ago.

Although we don't have any results as of yet from the alpine events being held at Pico Peak this morning, we've heard the conditions are excellent there also.

This is Hugh Montgomery with Josh Weil covering the Middlebury Carnival events. That's all for now, let's go back to the studios of WRMC.

The Men have finished up the 15 km cross country race ~~up~~ here at Breadloaf, the last event in today's portion of the Middlebury Winter Carnival. We won't have any results for some time though as they ~~results~~ shall have to tabulated

The women's 7 1/2 km event, held earlier today was unofficially won by the University of Vermont with five skiers in the top 6. Middlebury was second in the event followed by St. Lawrence and there was a tie for 4th between Williams and the University of New Hampshire Official results should be ~~note~~ released in the upcoming hour

Tomorrow's events are the mens and womens relays to be held here at Breadloaf and the Mens & Womens slalom at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl.

Join Josh Weil and me for complete coverage of Middlebury carnival events again tomorrow exclusively on WRMC-FM Middlebury

Thank you, Tony

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The 52nd Middlebury College Winter Carnival Ski events are over

First the men's cross country relay held this afternoon at Breadloaf Unofficially the University of Vt team - Jon Zdech l.k, Frederik Thaulow and Pal Sjulstad - toned in the fastest time for the 22½ kilometers with 1 hour 4 minutes and eleven seconds. Dave Speidel, Mark Larsen and Mike Graham of Middlebury came in with a time less than three minutes more followed by the University of New Hampshire, St Lawrence and Dartmouth

In the men's slalom today at the Middlebury Snow Bowl - Mark Smith of U.V.M. was the toughest, turning in a 2-run time of 66.44 seconds. His teammate Andy Shaw was second followed by Crawford Lyons of Williams and in fourth, Rick Makin of Middlebury.

The team standings ~~for the Men's Slalom~~ for the men's Slalom, U.V.M, Dartmouth, Williams and in fourth place - Middlebury.

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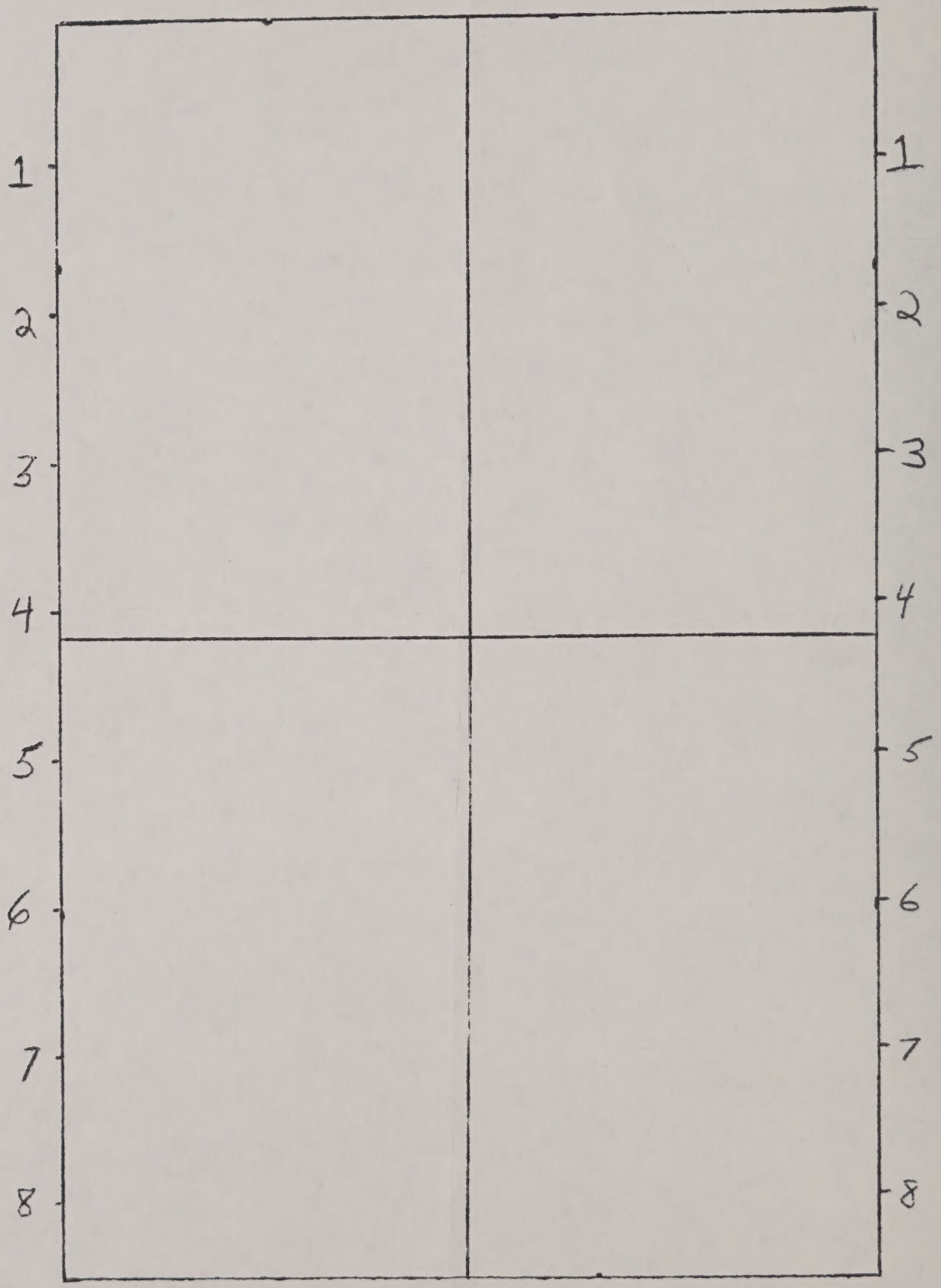

Although the results are still unofficial there is no doubt that the University of Vermont ~~team~~ has dominated these events this weekend at Bread Loaf, Pico Peak and today here at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. They ~~team~~ Catamounts as a team have won every event although there has been a strong showing by the Middlebury Panthers who placed second overall in the ~~Carnival~~ competition.

We hope you've enjoyed WRMC's coverage of the Carnival events. For Josh Weil, Tim Hugh Montgomery saying so long

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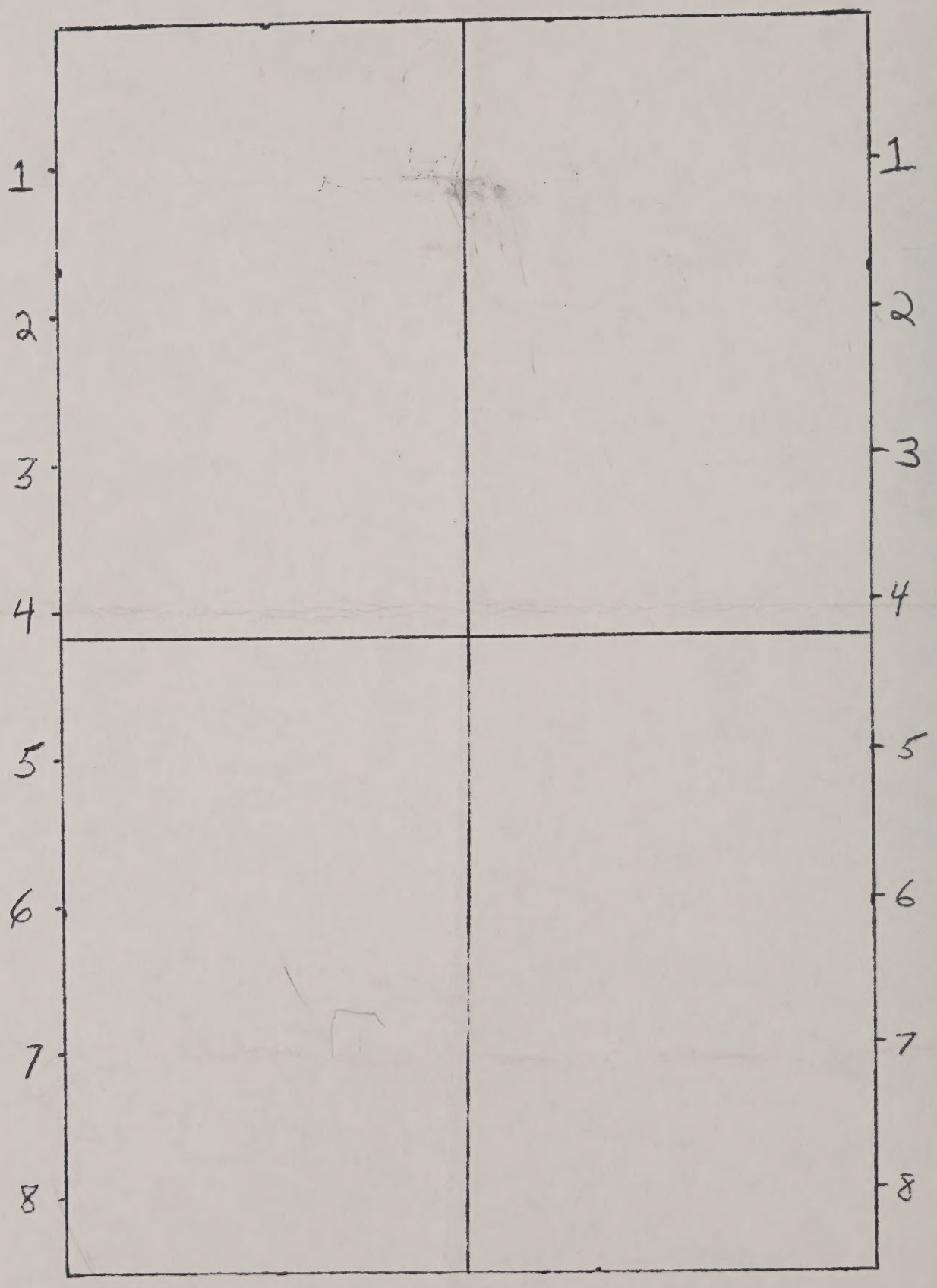

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Thanks ~~Eric~~ Nina,

The women's cross country relay has finished up over at Broadleaf. Each skier does 5km with three skiers per Teams. Unofficially the University of Vermont came out on top with fast times by Betsy Haines, Joanne Musolf and Kristin Gatz. Middlebury's Judy Carlihan, Leslie Wright and Wendy Reeves brought home the silver and St Lawrence came in third

The women have ~~just~~ completed the 2nd run of the Giant Slalom up here at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl and the unofficial results are in Laure Parker of U.V.M. led the field w/ a 2-run time of 70.78. Nancy Locke of Middlebury was 2nd at 71.12. Heidi Knight of Williams was third followed by Jennifer Kennedy of U.V.M and Kathy Grant of New England College. Cindy Garett, Martha Punderson and Betsy Greer of Middlebury took 6th, 7th and 8th place respectively. Team standings for the women's giant slalom - U.V.M at 106, Middlebury with 105, followed by Williams and Dartmouth

Josh Weil spoke with Eddy Levine, a middlebury skier who's not racing today.

(OK well, thanks a lot)

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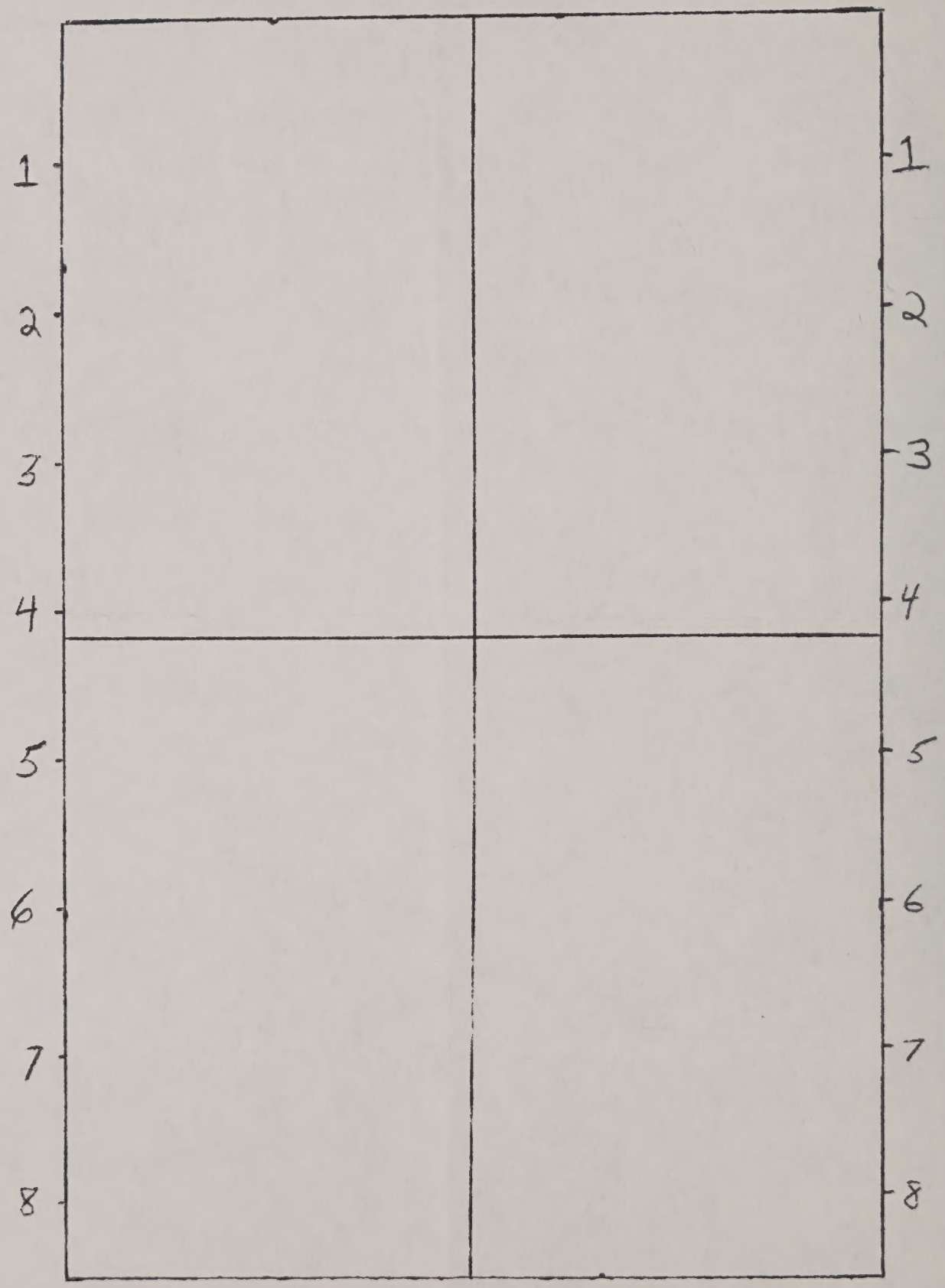

There are only two events as yet unfinished in the 52nd ~~Winter~~ Middlebury College Winter Carnival. The men's cross country relay at Bradley and the men's giant slalom here at the Middlebury Snow Bowl. The second run of the G.S. begins at ~~2:00~~ in just a few minutes

I should point out that ~~the~~ ~~the~~ many of the skiers have mentioned the good racing conditions, thanks to the great many people who have helped out here.

From the Middlebury Snow Bowl this is Hugh Montgomery, with Josh Weil covering the Middlebury Winter Carnival events. We'll wrap it up in a little while, right here on WRMC.

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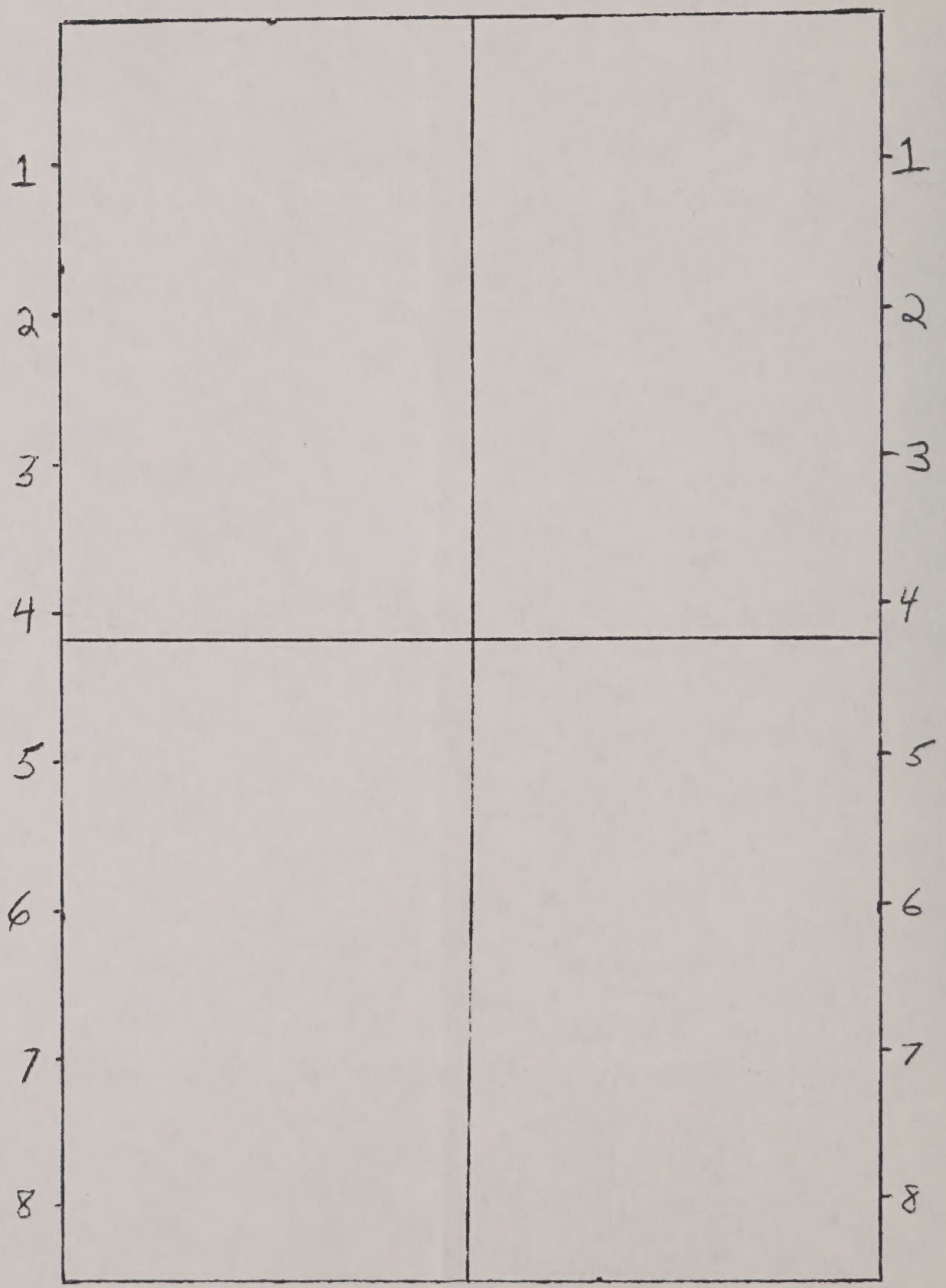

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Today is the second day of the Middlebury College Winter Carnival ski events. Yesterday the alpine events were held at Pico Peak, today they are at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl in Hancock. On the books for this morning are the men's and women's slalom. After the first run of the women's slalom

	1st	Nancy Locke of MiddleSury	31.74
	2.	Heidi Knight of Williams	31.77
	3	Dawn Janerich of Dartmouth	
tie for	4.	Martha Ponderson of Middlebury and Gail Voekler, ~~blll~~ of U.V.M.	

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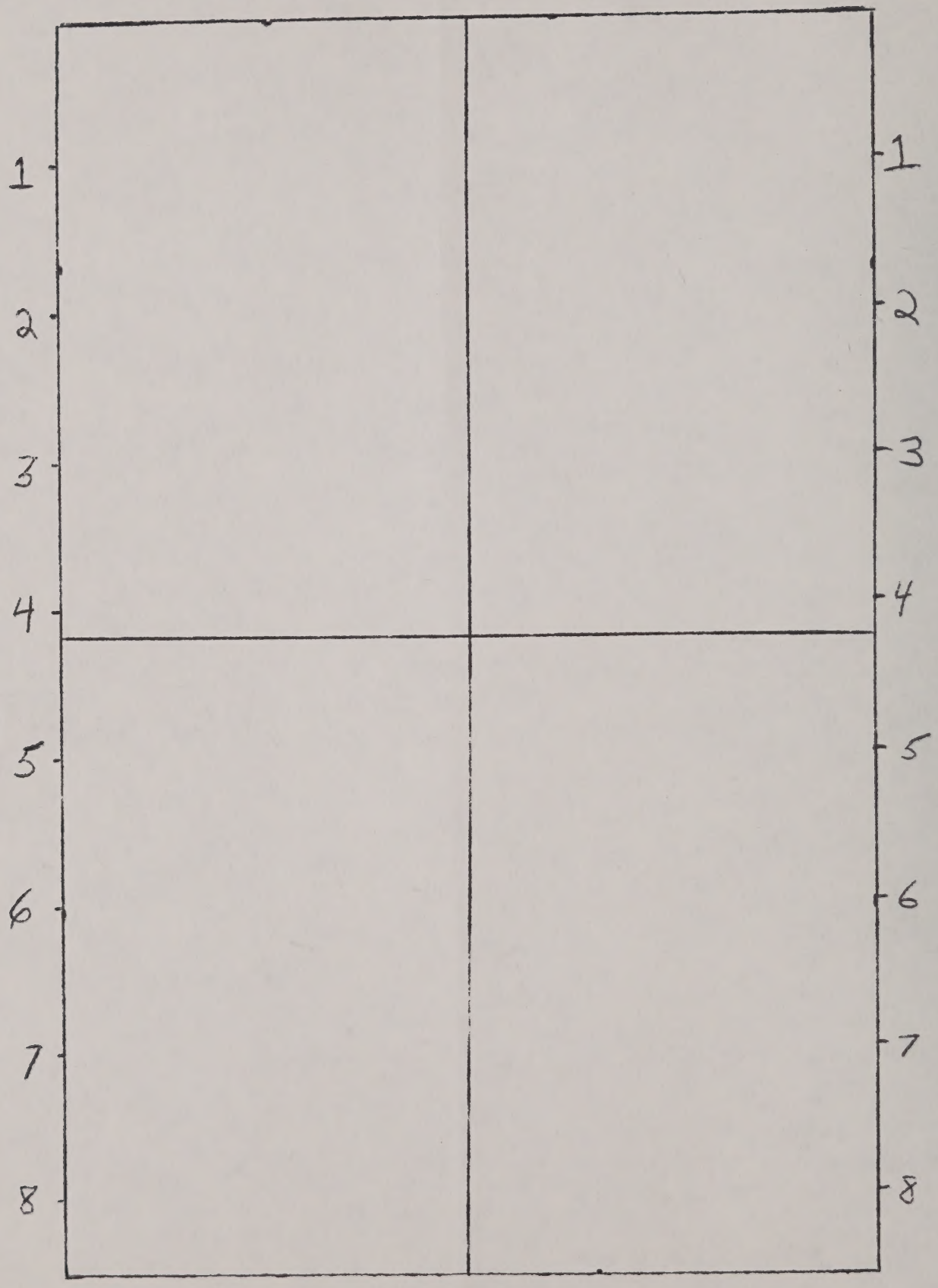

To Here's a rundown on yesterday's events:

The University of Vermont led the women's 7½ kilometer cross-country event putting 5 skiers in the top six. Wendy Reeves of Middlebury was able to capture the first place position. In the women's team standings: #1 - the UVM Catamounts followed by Middlebury and Williams.

Three U.V.M men topped the field in the 15 km event. Pal Sjulstad came up with a winning time of 38:45.3 seconds. Mike Graham & Mark Larsen of Middlebury were fourth and sixth in the event. As expected U.V.M came up on top, Middlebury was second followed by the University of New Hampshire.

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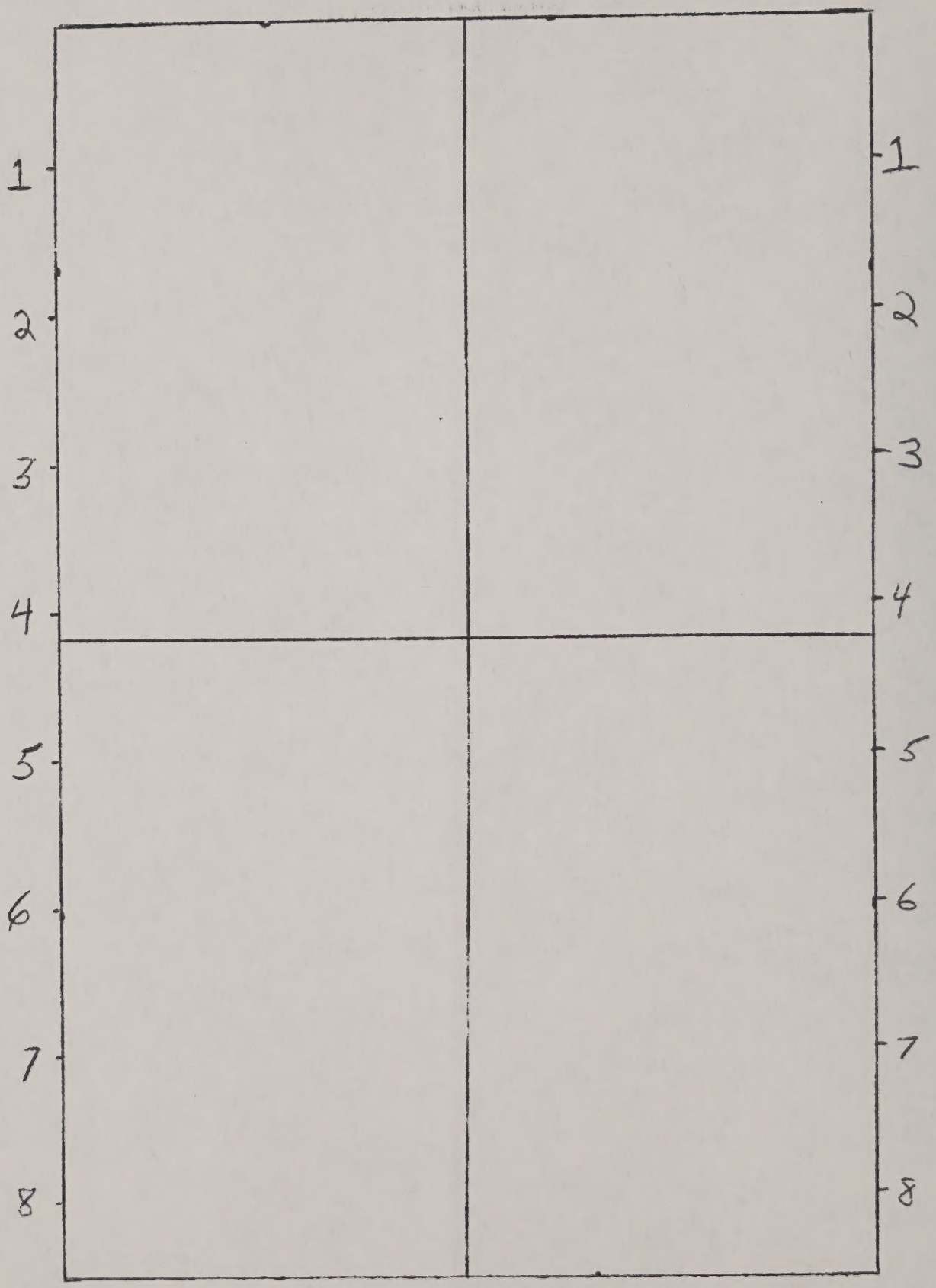

In the Giant Slalom yesterday, U.V.M women again came up on top, though Heidi Knight of Williams had the best time. Middlebury ~~again~~ placed second followed by Williams. Nancy Locke was the fastest Middlebury finisher with a 2-run time of 103.01 seconds. The teams standings for the G.S. — U.V.M in first place followed by Middlebury and Williams,

So the University of Vermont seems to be the team to beat today at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl. Cross country relays will begin at Bradley around 11 o'clock.

There was a light dusting ~~here~~ last night and ~~That's it for now~~. It's a beautiful day up here with sunny skies and temperatures in the high 20's. For Josh Weib, this is Hugh Montgomery. That's all for now.

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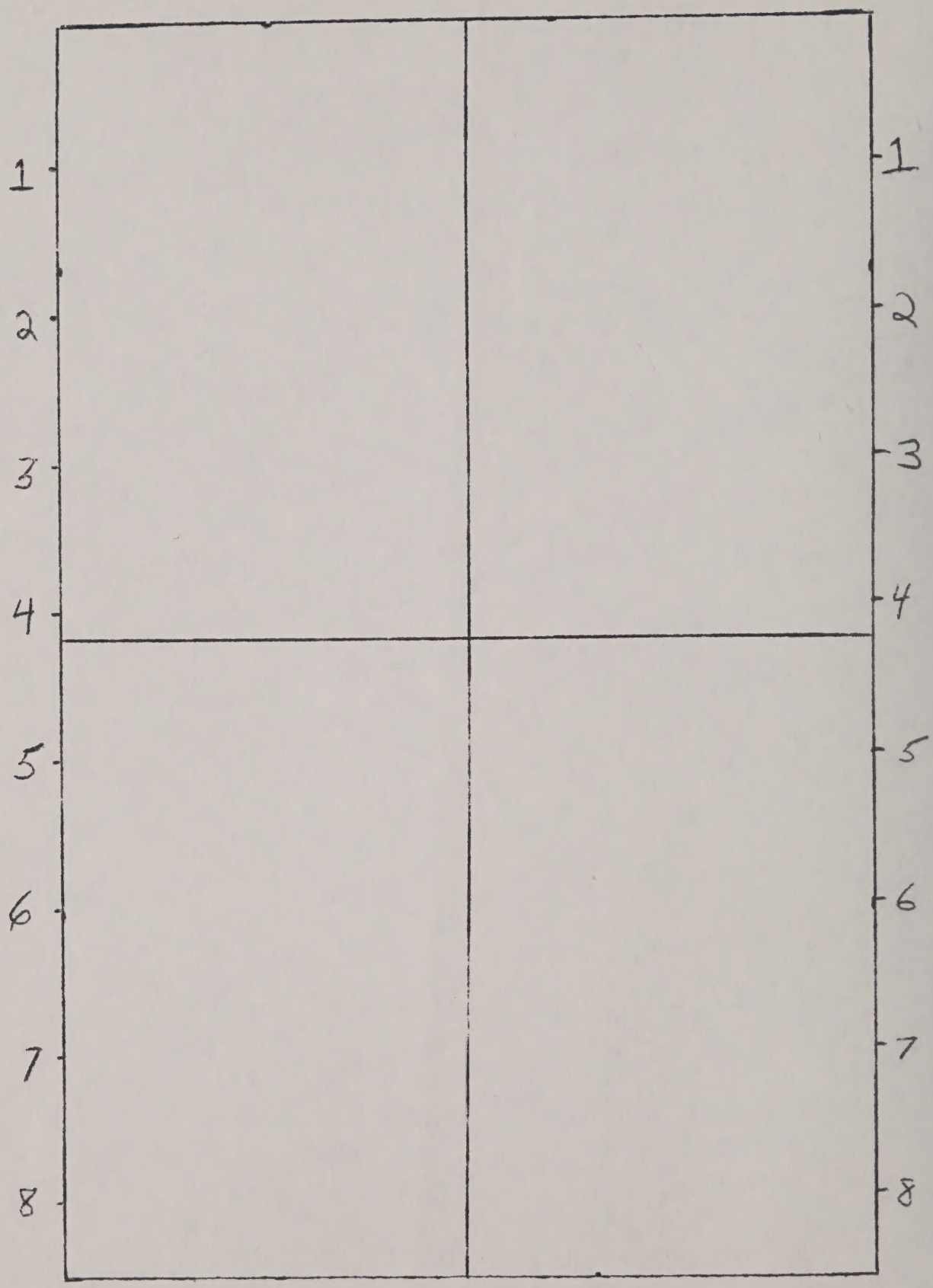

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After the first run of both the men's and women's slalom events here at the Middlebury College Snowbowl one word best describes the ~~er~~ races — icey. Cathy Brown of Cornell injured a shoulder, thought at this point it doesn't seem to be too serious. In both the men's and women's first run there were a lotg of falls. Eleven out of the fifty five men didn't finish. The top five for men after the first run finishing in 34.40 sec. #1 Mark Smith, the man to beat, from U.V.M.

2. Scott Heald UVM
3. Chris Wise of Dartmouth
4. Dan McKenna of U.V.M
5. Chris Eagon of Williams
6. Mark Ouimette of Keene State

Jim West had Middlebury's fastest first run with a tie for twelfth

I'm Hugh Montgomery w/ Josh Weil at the Middlebury ~~Ski~~ Snow Bowl

We'll have more information

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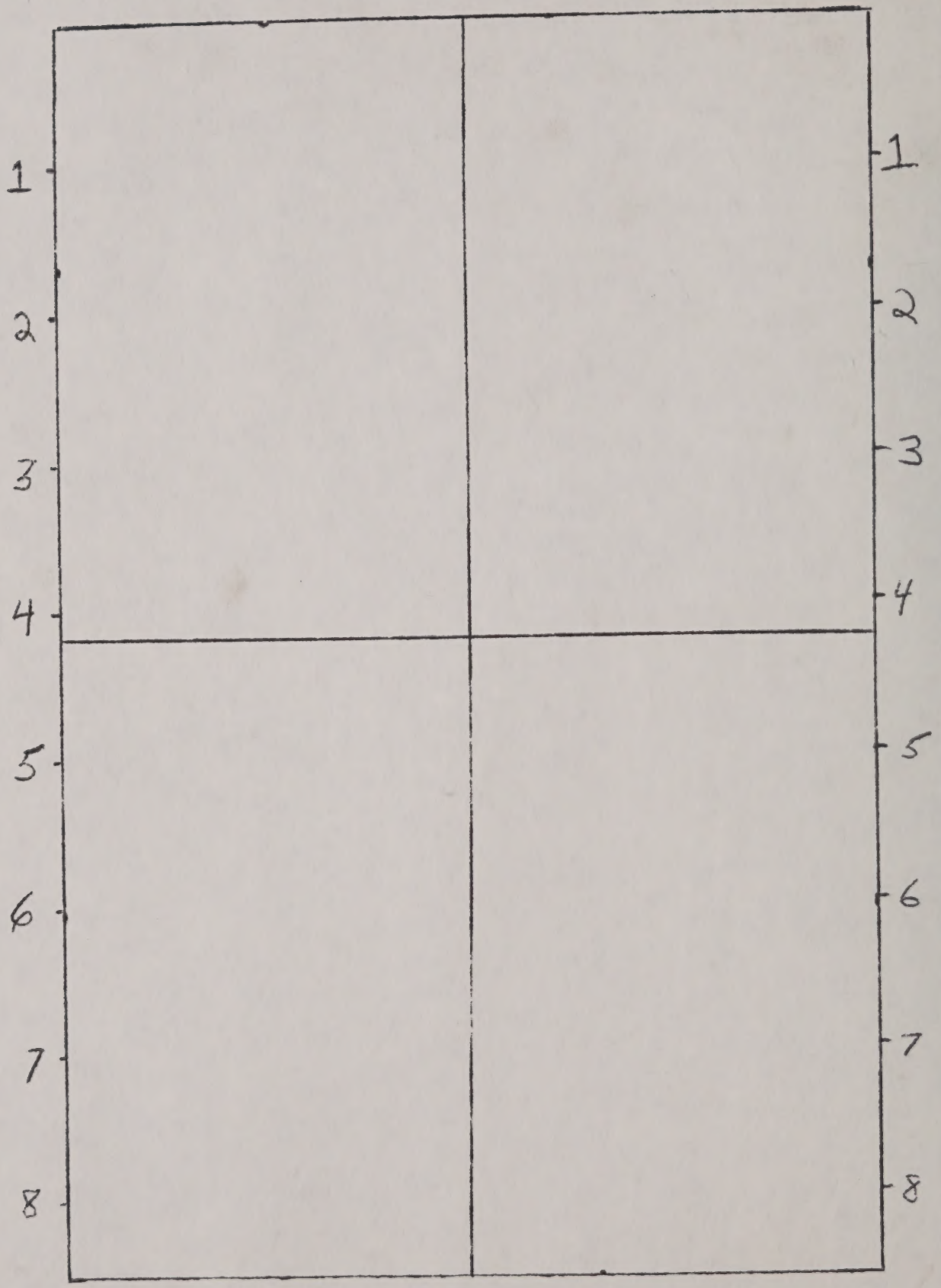

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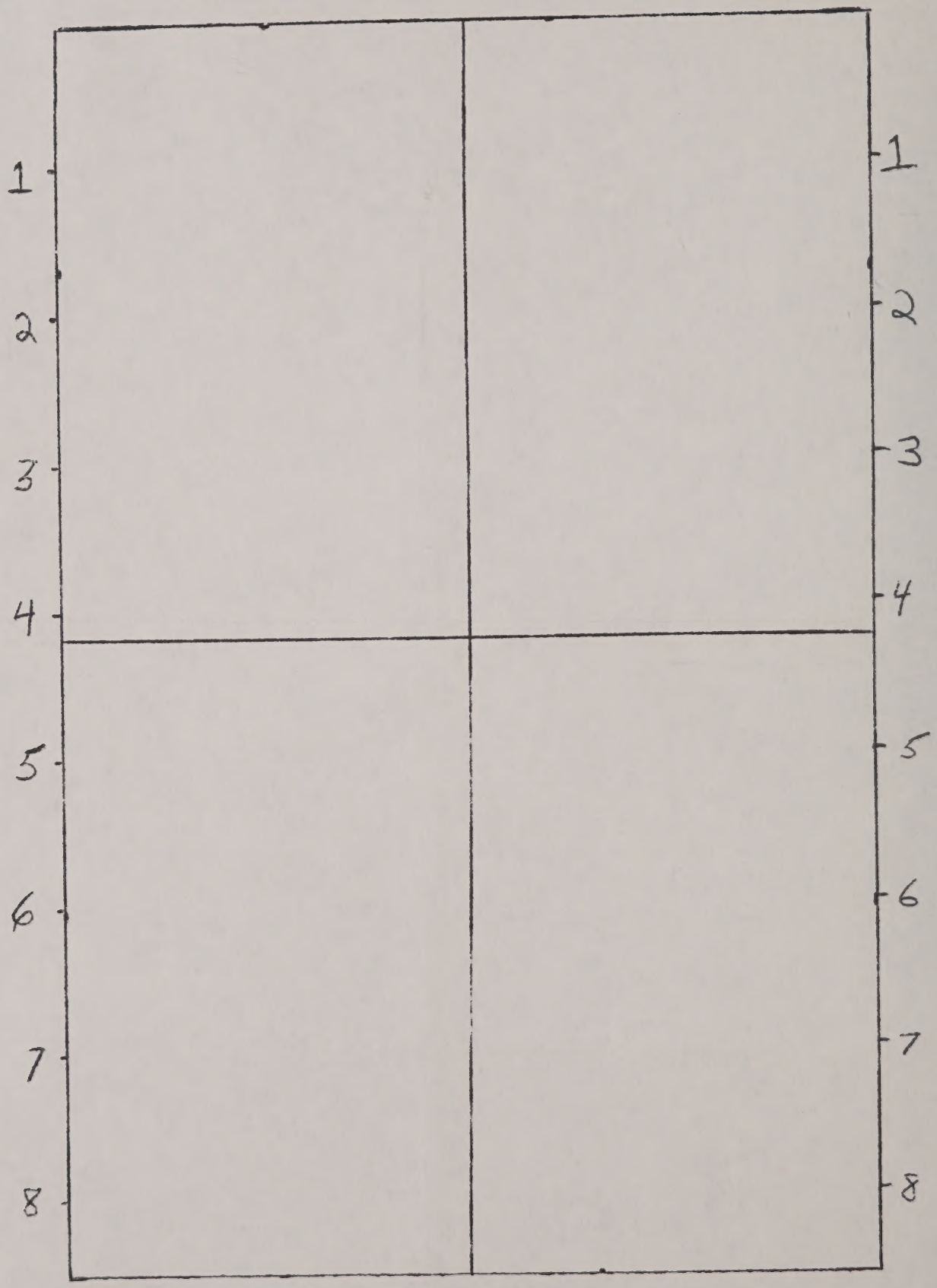

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MEMO

TO: Max Petersen

FROM: Hugh Montgomery, G.M.

RE: Winter Carnival Coverage

February 11, 1983

As we spoke several weeks ago about WRMC's Carnival coverage, I wanted to firm up our plans. I would like to cover both the Friday and Saturday contests. If at all possible I would like to secure two press passes, with ski tickets, to adequately cover the event.

It would be nice for us to be able, for various reasons, to use our new remote broadcast equipment (which plugs into any standard N.E. Telephone jack. Please let me know if the above will work out.

Thank you for your assistance.